



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### SITUATION REPORT #5

#### Terrorist Attacks

September 17, 2001 0800 hrs.

**SITUATION:** At approximately 0748 hrs Tuesday morning four hijacked commercial aircraft were used as flying bombs by persons unknown at this time. Two flew into the World Trade Center towers in lower Manhattan, New York City. Both towers collapsed with great loss of life to occupants and rescuers. The Pentagon was struck at approximately 0900 local by a third hijacked commercial airliner. A fourth reportedly crashed in western Pennsylvania in Somerset County, southwest of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Recovery operations continue in New York City, where many structures in the World Trade Center Complex have been destroyed and/or on the verge of total collapse. At the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, the fires have been put out and they are slowly examining the structure for bodies and other forensic evidence of the crimes.

**SEMA Actions:** State Emergency Operations Center(SEOC) went to a Level 1 activation at 1600 hrs on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Level 1 has the control room operational. Received no calls requesting assistance, all volunteer calls were referred to the published hotline numbers. There was a report this morning of an attempted breach of security at Whiteman Air Force Base that was investigated, vehicles were searched and nothing unusual was found. There will be no further Situation Reports regarding this emergency unless the situation changes. Decision pending on whether SEMA will go to normal Duty Officer calls after 1630 today.

**Missouri National Guard:** Operations continue at security level THREATCON CHARLIE for all facilities and activities. The National Guard manned their portion of the EOC for the weekend. A decision will be made today on the status of the EOC.

**Federal Actions:** FEMA Region VII deactivated their Regional Operations Center and have transferred off hours coverage to the Denton Mers Operation Center (Region VI, Denton, Texas). ESF 9 - Urban Search & Rescue - The Boone County, Missouri Urban Search and Rescue Team is assisting the New York staff in their recovery efforts. ***The Lincoln, Nebraska Urban Search and Rescue team have been notified that they will be activated on Friday, September 21.***

**Other Information:** All local emergency management agencies have returned to normal hours of operations.